


Amendments to the Claims

Kindly cancel claims 15, 40, and 67 without prejudice, and amend claims 1, 19, 26, 44, 51-53, and 71, as set forth below. In compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003, a complete listing of claims is provided herein. The changes in the amended claims are shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) and underlining (for added matter).

1. (Currently Amended) A method of managing information, said method comprising:

identifying information, via a public electronic environment, from an enterprise resource planning system within a private electronic environment ~~to be~~ managed;

 managing the information using the ~~within a~~ public electronic environment, wherein one or more aspects of managing the information are performed within the public electronic environment off-line from the private electronic environment; and

registering the managed information, via the public electronic environment, with the private electronic environment.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the information comprises a proposal for a contract.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said managing comprises creating the information.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the information comprises a proposal for a contract, and the creating comprises entering data for the proposal.

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5. (Original) The method of claim 4, further comprising obtaining one or more data from the private electronic environment to be used in creating the proposal.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the creating further comprises negotiating one or more terms of the proposal, while disconnected from the private electronic environment.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said managing comprises maintaining the information.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said managing comprises obtaining status relating to the information.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said managing comprises requesting approval of the information, and wherein said registering is performed in response to the approval.

11. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said registering is performed in real-time.

12. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the information comprises a proposal, and wherein the registering comprises registering the proposal with the private electronic environment to form a contract.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein the managing comprises administering the contract.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the managing comprises obtaining a report associated with the information.

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15. (Canceled)

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the public electronic environment comprises a server executing a web portal.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising pre-fetching data from said private electronic environment to be used in the managing of said information.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising storing said data within said public electronic environment.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of managing the creation of a proposal, said method comprising:

obtaining data, via a public electronic environment, for said proposal from an enterprise resource planning system within a private electronic environment;

creating said proposal using said ~~at a~~ public electronic environment disconnected from said private electronic environment, said creating using at least a portion of the obtained data; and

providing said proposal, via said public electronic environment, to said private electronic environment.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, further comprising approving said proposal, prior to providing said proposal to said private electronic environment.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein said providing comprises registering said proposal with said private electronic environment, subsequent to said approval, wherein said proposal becomes a contract.

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22. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein said creating said proposal comprises negotiating one or more terms of said proposal.

23. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein said public electronic environment comprises a web server.

24. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein said private electronic environment comprises a server protected by one or more fire walls.

25. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein said proposal comprises a proposal for a sales contract.

26. (Currently Amended) A system of managing information, said system comprising:



information obtained via a public electronic environment from an enterprise resource planning system within a private electronic environment to be managed;

means for managing the information using the within-a public electronic environment, wherein one or more aspects of managing the information are performed within the public electronic environment off-line from the private electronic environment; and

means, via the public electronic environment, for registering the managed information with the private electronic environment.

27. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein the information comprises a proposal for a contract.

28. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein said means for managing comprises means for creating the information.

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29. (Original) The system of claim 28, wherein the information comprises a proposal for a contract, and the means for creating comprises means for entering data for the proposal.

30. (Original) The system of claim 29, further comprising means for obtaining one or more data from the private electronic environment to be used in creating the proposal.

31. (Original) The system of claim 29, wherein the means for creating further comprises means for negotiating one or more terms of the proposal, while disconnected from the private electronic environment.

32. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein said means for managing comprises means for maintaining the information.

33. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein said means for managing comprises means for obtaining status relating to the information.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein said means for managing comprises means for requesting approval of the information, and wherein the registering is performed in response to the approval.

36. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the registering is performed in real-time.

37. (Previously Amended) The system of claim 26, wherein the information comprises a proposal, and wherein the means for registering comprises means for registering the proposal with the private electronic environment to form a contract.

38. (Original) The system of claim 37, wherein the means for managing comprises means for administering the contract.

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39. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein the means for managing comprises means for obtaining a report associated with the information.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein the public electronic environment comprises a server executing a web portal.

42. (Original) The system of claim 26, further comprising means for pre-fetching data from said private electronic environment to be used in the managing of said information.

43. (Original) The system of claim 42, further comprising means for storing said data within said public electronic environment.

44. (Currently Amended) A system of managing the creation of a proposal, said system comprising:

means for obtaining data for said proposal, via a public electronic environment, from an enterprise resource planning system within a private electronic environment;

means for creating said proposal using said ~~at a~~ public electronic environment disconnected from said private electronic environment, said means for creating using at least a portion of the obtained data; and

means, via said public electronic environment, for providing said proposal to said private electronic environment.

45. (Original) The system of claim 44, further comprising means for approving said proposal, prior to providing said proposal to said private electronic environment.

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46. (Original) The system of claim 45, wherein said means for providing comprises means for registering said proposal with said private electronic environment, subsequent to said approval, wherein said proposal becomes a contract.

47. (Original) The system of claim 44, wherein said means for creating said proposal comprises means for negotiating one or more terms of said proposal.

48. (Original) The system of claim 44, wherein said public electronic environment comprises a web server.

49. (Original) The system of claim 44, wherein said private electronic environment comprises a server protected by one or more fire walls.



50. (Original) The system of claim 44, wherein said proposal comprises a proposal for a sales contract.

51. (Currently Amended) A system of managing information, said system comprising:

information obtained via a public electronic environment from an enterprise resource planning system within a private electronic environment to-be-managed;

[[a]] the public electronic environment adapted to manage the information, wherein one or more aspects of managing the information are performed within the public electronic environment off-line from the private electronic environment; and

the private electronic environment adapted to register the managed information from the public electronic environment.

52. (Currently Amended) A system of managing the creation of a proposal, said system comprising:

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data for said proposal obtained via a public electronic environment from an enterprise resource planning system within a private electronic environment;

[[a]] said public electronic environment adapted to create said proposal disconnected from said private electronic environment, said public electronic environment using at least a portion of the obtained data; and

[[a]] said private electronic environment adapted to receive the proposal from the public electronic environment.

53. (Currently Amended) At least one program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying at least one program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method of managing information, said method comprising:



identifying information, via a public electronic environment, from an enterprise resource planning system within a private electronic environment
~~information to be managed;~~

managing the information using the within a public electronic environment, wherein one or more aspects of managing the information are performed within the public electronic environment off-line from the private electronic environment; and

registering, via the public electronic environment, the information with the private electronic environment.

54. (Original) The at least one program storage device of claim 53, wherein the information comprises a proposal for a contract.

55. (Original) The at least one program storage device of claim 53, wherein said managing comprises creating the information.

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56. (Original) The at least one program storage device of claim 55, wherein the information comprises a proposal for a contract, and the creating comprises entering data for the proposal.

57. (Original) The at least one program storage device of claim 56, wherein said method further comprises obtaining one or more data from the private electronic environment to be used in creating the proposal.

58. (Original) The at least one program storage device of claim 56, wherein the creating further comprises negotiating one or more terms of the proposal, while disconnected from the private electronic environment.

59. (Original) The at least one program storage device of claim 53, wherein said managing comprises maintaining the information.



60. (Original) The at least one program storage device of claim 53, wherein said managing comprises obtaining status relating to the information.

61. (Canceled)

62. (Previously Amended) The at least one program storage device of claim 53, wherein said managing comprises requesting approval of the information, and wherein said registering is performed in response to the approval.

63. (Previously Amended) The at least one program storage device of claim 53, wherein said registering is performed in real-time.

64. (Previously Amended) The at least one program storage device of claim 53, wherein the information comprises a proposal, and wherein the registering comprises registering the proposal with the private electronic environment to form a contract.

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65. (Original) The at least one program storage device of claim 64, wherein the managing comprises administering the contract.

66. (Original) The at least one program storage device of claim 53, wherein the managing comprises obtaining a report associated with the information.

67. (Canceled)

68. (Original) The at least one program storage device of claim 53, wherein the public electronic environment comprises a server executing a web portal.

69. (Original) The at least one program storage device of claim 53, wherein said method further comprises pre-fetching data from said private electronic environment to be used in the managing of said information.

70. (Original) The at least one program storage device of claim 69, wherein said method further comprises storing said data within said public electronic environment.

71. (Original) An article of manufacture, comprising:

at least one computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for causing the managing of the creation of a proposal, the computer readable program code means in said article of manufacture comprising:


computer readable program code means for causing a computer to obtain data for said proposal via a public electronic environment, from an enterprise resource planning system within a private electronic environment;

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computer readable program code means for causing a computer to create said proposal using said at a public electronic environment disconnected from said private electronic environment, said computer readable program code means for causing a computer to create using at least a portion of the obtained data; and

computer readable program code means for causing a computer to provide said proposal, via said public electronic environment, to said private electronic environment.



72. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 71, further comprising computer readable program code means for causing a computer to approve said proposal, prior to providing said proposal to said private electronic environment.

73. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 72, wherein said computer readable program code means for causing a computer to provide comprises computer readable program code means for causing a computer to register said proposal with said private electronic environment, subsequent to said approval, wherein said proposal becomes a contract.

74. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 71, wherein said public electronic environment comprises a web server.

75. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 71, wherein said private electronic environment comprises a server protected by one or more fire walls.

76. (Original) The article of manufacture of claim 71, wherein said proposal comprises a proposal for a sales contract.

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